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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6964 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2010

BILL NUMBER: HB 1174 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Interim Committee on Public Assistance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Interim Committee on the Administration of Public Assistance for two years. The bill requires the Committee to do the following: (1) review the administration of public assistance in Indiana, (2) take public testimony on problems or concerns concerning the administration of public assistance in Indiana, and (3) receive testimony, responses to committee questions, and updates from the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services Agency (FSSA) or a contractor for the Office of the Secretary concerning changes in the public assistance eligibility process in Indiana.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill establishes a new interim study committee which is staffed by the Legislative Services Agency. The Interim Committee on the Administration of Public Assistance is to consist of 10 members; 8 members of the General Assembly and 2 lay members. Under the bill, members of the Committee are *not* entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council.

Background: Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. However, this bill does not allow members to be reimbursed for per diem or travel expenses related to duties of this committee.

Explanation of State Revenues:

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Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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